

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH



Your Weekly E-Newsletter August 6, 2020

This Week's Pondering

Pastor Ken Nelson, Senior Pastor



"Have you ever given orders to the morning, or shown the dawn its place." Job 38:12

"Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds." Matthew 14:22

I want to talk to you today about masks - even as I confess I'd like to talk about almost anything but masks! I'm not going to discuss the pros and cons of wearing them - you have or can easily read articles on the subject written by folks far more qualified to discuss the matter. At best I'm an (amateur) theologian - I'm certainly not an immunologist.

I write because we're under another pandemic-related "order" of state government - joining 31 (at last count) other states to impose on it's citizenry some sort of mandate to wear face coverings in public places. I'm guessing its not the last order we'll be subject to related to this pandemic. Hope for stopping the spread of this virus are increasingly pinned on development of a vaccine - but not all of our nation's citizens are of the same mind about immunizations either. Stay tuned.

I write because I am so very pleased that our congregation, on fairly short notice, uniformly followed the order of the Wisconsin Governor this past weekend at our worship services. I write to inform our wider membership of this, but to also ask everyone to remember that some of our members and guests cannot, for health reasons, cover their faces for extended periods of time. The Governor's order expressly exempts them from the mandate, and we will continue to welcome these folks at our worship services.

Laws will always tend to come in conflict with the interests or aspirations of the people subjected to them. This is

Worship Resources

You can easily access our Home Worship Resources which includes the worship materials of an audio file of the service, the sermon and an order of worship that outlines the service. Click below.

[Worship Resources](#)

Online Resources

Looking for a copy of a prior sermon or podcast? Or did you miss reading one of the weekly e-newsletters? How about the link for online giving? You can find these things and more on Calvary's website ... there's a link below.

[Calvary Website](#)

Daily Devotion

[NALC Daily Devotion](#)

particularly true when laws affect or appear to affect the freedom we enjoy to worship. Our worship services however are not altered by this order – they will remain as they have since we were one of the first congregations in our area to resume on-site worship in late May.

Law(s) are a part of the created order nevertheless. Witness the passages above. While speaking in what may be called poetic, allegorical fashion, Job tells us of God's "command" for the creation to obey his limits – the sun and the sea to do what they were told. In another passage we'll hear in church this coming weekend, Matthew records Jesus giving commands to his disciples. It may not have struck those disciples that it was a good idea to set out on a journey by boat in the dead of night – but they obeyed even if they might have preferred ...

Click [here](#) to read the remainder of Pastor Ken's message.



Music Ministry



Chimes for Kids

Since it is currently inadvisable to start up a children's choir, because of pandemic conditions, we have decided to offer a **chime group for children in 3rd through 7th grades**. No audition is necessary = just a desire to participate! Basic music literacy is desirable but will be systematically learned in rehearsal.

The chime group would perform from time to time during Sunday morning

services. Rehearsal times are negotiable, but I would suggest Saturday evenings before or after church (3:45 p.m. or 6:15 p.m.) If Saturday doesn't work for your family, please feel free to suggest another time.

Please contact Nicole Moritz at 414-625-0318 (call or text) if interested.

Refresh Project Update

Refresh Project Continues ...

The Refresh work continues throughout the church property. The main office was completed this week with fresh paint and new carpeting. The crews continue to work removing carpeting, wallpaper and painting in a very systematic way in other parts of the building.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Please note that the Narthex is "under construction" at this time so please be careful walking through that area.



Work continues in the Narthex, classrooms and offices.

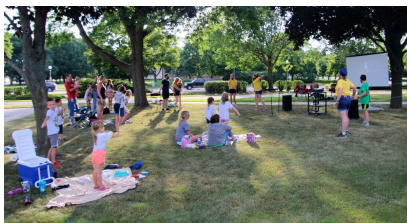
Youth Ministry

All Aboard!

Virtual Vacation Bible School was held last week. A wrap up picnic was held last Friday. Check out the photos below of children participating in VBS at home and the wrap up picnic on the lawn at Calvary.

Special thanks to Angie Schatz, her crew of young volunteers (Natalie, Michael and Scott Anderson, Mary Baumgartner, Megan and Matt Schatz) and Kyle Jones for putting together this wonderful experience for our youth.







Our Church Family Grows!



Dave and Chris Cason



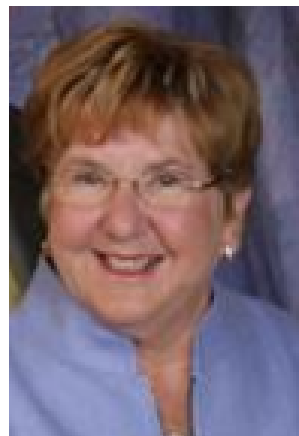
Evelyn Ceci



Lynnae, Caleb, Joel
Nathaniel and Eli Douglas



William, Chris, Jessica
and Lizzy Dudzik



JoAnne Krause



Tiffany, Emma, Jackson, Eva
and Olivia Schlieve



Linda Thorpe

Welcome to our New Members

We welcomed several individuals and families to Calvary Lutheran Church last weekend. While we were not able to give them our traditional welcome of a reception with cake and coffee, we are so very blessed to have them join our church.

If you see them at worship, please take a minute to introduce yourself and give them a warm welcome!

Also joining but not pictured: Sandra Urich

Worship Updates

WEEKEND WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday at 8:30 a.m.

Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

We have taken many steps to ensure as safe of an environment as possible – please use your own judgement in choosing to come. You must do what is most comfortable for you. We will also continue to offer the weekend worship materials via email, as well as delivery of home communion to any member who wishes to receive it. Please call the office at 262.786.4010 for more details or to sign up to receive home communion.

Safe practices are in place for all worship services.

Face masks are required while at worship. We will have a limited supply on hand near the entrance to the Sanctuary.

Social distancing has been established in the Sanctuary with assigned pews for each service, designated by colored tags (see photo). Please sit only in the pew with the tag designated for that service. If you are not sitting with your family, please observe the 6' distance between you and someone next to you (approximately two arm lengths).



All high touch points such as pews and door handles are sanitized after each service. The Altar Guild follows strict sanitation practices when filling the cups. We are using hosts instead of bread and wine is "self serve". All servers will wash their hands in the Sacristy prior to serving communion.



Serving at Worship

THIS WEEKEND 10th Sunday after Pentecost

This week's readings

[Job 38:4-18](#)

[Psalms 18:1-6](#)

[Romans 10:5-17](#)

[Matthew 14:22-33](#)

ASSISTING MINISTER:

- Scott Langelin (Sunday only)

DEACONS:

- **Saturday (5:00 pm):** Ed Ramthun
- **Sunday (8:30 am):** Glori Kurth
- **Sunday (10:00 am):** Terry Bzdusek

USHERS:

- **Sunday (8:30 am):** Mary and Bob Smith
- **Sunday (10:00 am):** Mary Ellen and Tom Thiede

LECTOR:

- **Sunday (8:30 am):** Cathy Wahlgren
- **Sunday (10:00 am):** Chris Spangenberg

SPECIAL MUSIC:

- Kyle Jones

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

- Natalie Anderson

ALTAR GUILD:

- Jonni Roush

FLOWERS:

- Ruth and Bruce Steffen in memory of their grandson, Brett

POWERPOINT TECH:

- **Saturday (5:00 pm):** Lydia Trudell
- **Sunday (8:30 am):** Sue Rowe
- **Sunday (10:00 am):** Sallie Schulz

NEW!

Each CONNECTIONS issue will provide a link to read a text study for the Scripture readings planned for the weekend.

There is a quick explanation about the specific Scripture

Sola Lectionary Text Study

Pentecost 10
August 9, 2020

PROCLAMATION POINTS
The following are some thoughts and questions to be used for a text study on the weekly lessons, or for jump-starting the imagination of the preacher and hearer in preparing for the proclamation event.

Job 38:4-18
Job experienced much pain and hardship in his life. Throughout many chapters, we hear his prayers of heartache. We also hear the words of his "friends" who end up blaming Job for all that has happened to him. Job longs to speak with God himself, saying, "I would lay my case before him and fill my mouth with arguments. I would know what he would answer me and understand what he would say to me." (Job 33:4-5)

In the lesson for today Job gets his answer from God -- one that he likely did not expect. We can hear the sarcasm in God's tone as he addresses Job. God never answers the questions of "why?" that Job had asked earlier. God questions

That Jesus! now takes the five loaves and gives thanks etc., teaches that nothing is too small and insignificant for him to do for his followers, and he can indeed so bless their pittance that they have an abundance, whereas even the rich have not enough with all their riches.

- Martin Luther -
Church Postil

hand and cannot be separated one from the other.

- Why is Paul adamant that there will be an outward expression then there is an inward faith and trust in Christ Jesus?
- What would Martin Luther say is the source of our being able to call on the name of the Lord in the first place? Why is the ordering of God's act and our act so important?

Paul goes on in his letter to indicate that there are those who have never heard the Good News of Jesus Christ. He asks a rhetorical question to get them thinking, "How will people call on the Lord if they've never even heard of him?" He challenges the Romans to get out there and preach the Word so that all would hear the Gospel message and come to

readings, as well as a few questions for you to ponder about those readings.

We invite you to check it out!

Text Study Guide

	Attendance
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	24
Sunday 8:30 a.m.	42
Sunday 10:00 a.m.	45

Worship Attendance August 1 & 2

Our Church Family

Prayer Requests

New prayer requests: Wolfgang Schulz (brother-in-law of Sallie Schulz)

Ongoing short-term prayer requests: Fay Heyen: Judy Grospitz; Janet Zastrow; Elmer Eggert (grandfather of Angie Schatz); Anthony, Julia and baby Serafina Maniscalco (cousin of Kyle Jones); Melissa Hoag and family (niece of Pastor Ken); Bishop Emeritus John Bradowsky; Bill Barwa (friend of Megan Sayas); Jan Janchan (friend of Jonni Roush); Chelsea Lee (friend of Noel Jenke); Jenna (granddaughter of Wayne and Bonnie Johnson); Mary Dresser (Donna Schroeder's daughter-in-law's sister); Shirl Gordon (friend of Cindy Rooks); David Voight (friend of Jonni Roush); Doug Haus (brother-in-law of Chet Elliott); and Tom Kestly (husband of Judy Kestly).

Serving in the Military: Dan Berger (serving in the U.S. Marines); Nicole Wahlgren (serving in the U.S. Army National Guard); Kyle Pierce (son of Karen and Keith Pierce, serving in the U.S. Army); Alex Olson (U.S. Air Force, grandchild of Ardath Olson); Karmen Thomas (friend of Tony and Krista Dentice serving in the U.S. Army); all military chaplains; and all veterans suffering with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).



For All Men and Women Serving: Police Officers, Firefighters, Health Care workers and First Responders.

Serving in the mission field: Our NALC missionaries and missionaries everywhere bringing the gospel to the ends of the Earth.

Long-term prayer list: *Calvary members:* Jeanette Ketelsen; Marge Skarie; Lowell Sonderman; Donna Polizzi; Pat Treutelaar

Non-members: Nancy Waters (sister-in-law of Barb Snyder); Christine Elliott (friend of Chet Elliott); Reidun Asland (friend of Pastor Ken and Marcella Nelson); Brad Gabriel (cousin of Jenni Swanson); Jeff Edwards (friend of Ernie Kretschmann); Monica Barchus (niece of Ernie Kretschmann); Michael Rossa (Lucy Dallman's son).

If you have any new prayer requests, please contact the church office at 262.786.4010 or via email to office@calvarylc.com.

Happy Birthday!

Donna Schroeder, 8/6
Linda Berger, 8/7
Sophia Peters, 8/7
Derron Anderson, 8/9
Darrel Schwenn, 8/9
Donna Siderits, 8/9
Wayne Wegner, 8/9
Matt Wirtz, 8/9
Mary Baumgartner, 8/13
Virginia Cox, 8/13
Roger Evert, 8/13

Happy Anniversary!

Bill and Jane Krause, 8/6 (54 years)
Matt and Heidi Powers, 8/10 (1 year)
Jim and Ruth Brostowitz, 8/13 (37 years)

Mission of the Month



OPPORTUNITY
International

Opportunity International is helping to end extreme poverty in our lifetime. They believe that empowering individuals to work their way out of poverty and give their children a quality education is the most sustainable way to transform their lives, their families, and their communities.

Opportunity International serves 10 million hardworking families in 23 countries around the world. They have big plans for the world: A place without poverty where people can live with dignity and purpose. Their clients have ambitious dreams for their futures, but lack the opportunities needed to make those dreams a reality. They go where others won't to give these inspiring people access to business loans, savings accounts, financial training, and community support—all which empower these entrepreneurs to work their way out of poverty and build a new sustainable future for themselves and their families.

To date, they have created or sustained more than 20 million jobs by giving entrepreneurs the tools they need to thrive. With our support, they will reach millions more clients—and those clients will change the world.

•**Vision:** Their vision is a world in which all people have the opportunity to achieve a life free from poverty, with dignity and purpose

•**Mission:** By providing financial solutions and training, they empower people living in poverty to transform their lives, their children's futures and their communities.

•**Motivation:** They respond to Jesus Christ's call to love and serve the poor. They seek to emulate the Good Samaritan, whose compassion crossed ethnic groups and religions. They serve all people regardless of religion, race, ethnicity, or gender.

If you'd like to contribute to Opportunity International, please designate "Mission of the Month" on your check or select that category via your online donation.

[Click here to view a video about Opportunity International](#)

Men's Ministry



**Weekly Men's Breakfast
Wednesdays at 7:00 a.m.**

**Maxim's Restaurant
18025 W. Capitol Drive**

The restaurant seating has been reconfigured in compliance with social distancing requirements. Please note the new start time!



**Monthly Men's Ministry
Gathering
Thursday, August 27
6:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall**

Come for fellowship, food and devotion time. Dinner will be provided. Social distancing will be respected and practiced. If you have any questions, please reach out to Ernie Kretschmann at kretschmann@att.net.

This Week at a Glance

Friday, August 7	
Saturday, August 8	5:00p Worship
Sunday, August 9	8:30a Worship 10:00a Worship
Monday, August 10	Serenity Inn Meal Program
Tuesday, August 11	9:30a Staff Meeting 6:00p Executive Committee 6:30p Church Life Committee 7:00p Deacon Meeting (tentative)
Wednesday, August 12	COUNCIL REPORTS DUE 7:00a Men's Breakfast (Maxim's) 1:45p Visitation Committee
Thursday, August 13	9:30a Calvary Knitting Group
Friday, August 14	

A few reminders

**The office is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. until noon.
The door closest to the office (NW corner) will be open during those hours.
Please check in with the office staff so we know you are in the building.**



Sanctuary Flowers Sign Up

We invite you to sign up for flowers to beautify our altar each weekend.

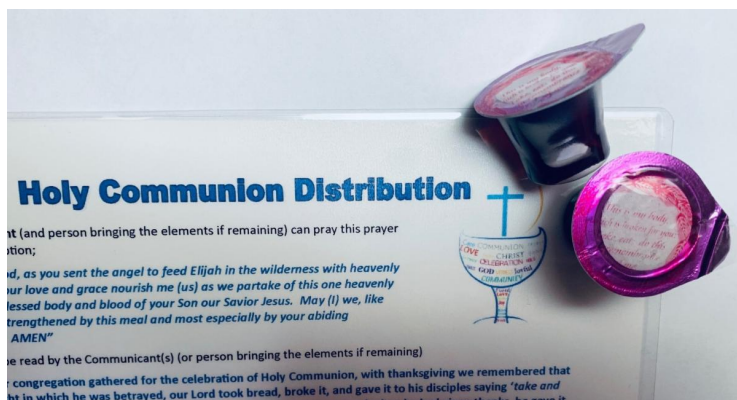
During the Refresh project, the sign up sheet will be in the office. If it's more convenient, you can email your request to [Cindy Zilske at office@calvarylc.com](mailto:Cindy.Zilske@office@calvarylc.com). Please indicate the date you'd like to sponsor the flowers, and if you would like the flowers in memory or honor of someone.

Flowers are \$35 and may be taken home following the 10 a.m. worship on Sunday morning.

Our Stephen Ministers are here for you!

Stephen Ministers are congregation members trained by Stephen Leaders to offer high-quality, one-to-one Christian care to people going through tough times. A Stephen Minister usually provides care to one person at a time, meeting with that person once a week for about an hour.

If you, or someone you know, could benefit from this important ministry, please contact [Scott or Peggy Langelin](#) at 262.853.0018.



Holy Communion Home Distribution Ministry Available

If you are choosing to remain at home during the COVID-19 pandemic, any Calvary member, regardless of age or health, can request consecrated bread and juice from the weekend worship service. A sealed communion "kit", along with simple instructions to prepare you for communion, can be dropped off at your home by a member of our home communion ministry team.

If you'd like to get on the schedule for this important ministry, please contact the church office at 262.786.4010 or via email to office@calvarylc.com. You may set up a schedule of delivery weekly, or less often if you choose.

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Regular office hours are Monday-Friday, 8am-noon 262.786.4010

Questions or comments? Email Sue Rowe at communications@calvarylc.com

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